In The Claims:

1. (Four Times Amended) A nonwoven fabric consisting of substantially endless thermoplastic melt extruded filaments having a denier of 0.5 to 3, wherein said filaments are collected and thereafter hydroentangled in the form of interengaged packed loops, with the filaments being free of breaking, wrapping, and knotting, and wherein said hydroentangled web has a cross machine elongation value in excess of 100%.

2. (Original) A nonwoven fabric as in claim 1, wherein said filaments have a denier of about 1.0 to 2.5.

3. (Original) A nonwoven fabric as in claim 1, wherein said thermoplastic melt extruded filaments comprise polyolefins, polyamide, or polyesters.

4. (Original) A nonwoven fabric as in claim 1, wherein said nonwoven fabric has a basis weight of between about 20 and 450 g/m^2.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) A nonwoven fabric as in claim 1, wherein said fabric having a surface treatment chosen from the group comprising: wetting agents, surfactant, fluorocarbons, antistats, antimicrobial, binders, and flame retardants.

7. (Original) A nonwoven fabric as in claim 1, wherein said fabric comprises an article chosen from the group comprising: an absorbent article, industrial apparel, medical apparel, medical fabric, agricultural fabric, recreational fabric, upholstery, and durable apparel.

8. (Original) A nonwoven fabric as in claim 1, wherein said fabric has a machine direction elongation value of at least 75%, and a cross-direction elongation value of at least 100%.

9. (Original) A nonwoven fabric as in claim 1, wherein said fabric has a fiber entanglement frequency of at least 10.0, and a fiber entanglement value of at least 1.00.

10. (Original) A nonwoven fabric as in claim 1, wherein said fabric has a fiber interlock value of at least 15.

11. (Previously Amended) A nonwoven fabric as in claim 1, wherein said continuous web of substantially endless thermoplastic melt extruded filaments comprises a plurality of layers of said web of substantially endless continuous filaments.

12. (Original) A nonwoven fabric as in claim 1, wherein said interengaged packed loops provide a structure wherein cross-direction elongation is directly proportional to cross-directional tensile strength.

13. (Four Times Amended) A nonwoven fabric consisting of substantially endless melt extruded thermoplastic filaments having a denier of about 1.0 to 2.5, wherein said filaments are collected and thereafter hydroentangled in the form of interengaged packed loops, with the filaments being substantially free of breaking, wrapping, and knotting; said fabric having a basis weight of between about 20 and 450 gm/m^2, having a machine direction elongation value of at least 75% and a cross direction value of at least 100%, having a fiber entanglement frequency of at least 10.0, a fiber entanglement completeness value of at least 1.00, a fiber interlock value of at least 15.

14. (Withdrawn)